

New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy

Public Session Minutes

October 22, 2002

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Room, 6th floor, on Tuesday, October 22, 2002. The meeting was convened in accordance with the schedule filed with the Secretary of State and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Barry G. Inglett, P.T., Chairman of the Board** called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

LEE ANN GUENTHER, P.T. Present
BARRY INGLETT, P.T. Present
DENNISE KRENCICKI, P.T. Present
LESLIE K. MARCKS, P.T. Present
SCOTT NADLER, D.O. Absent
GARY R. SAVANDER, P.T. Present
KAREN E. WILK, P.T. Present

Also present were: **Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director; Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General; Chanita R. Lucky, Assistant to Director; Kenneth Maily, APTA-NJ**

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Dennise Krencicki and seconded by John Ward, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2002 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NEW JERSEY REGISTER REVIEW-CHAIRMAN INGLETT

Chairman Inglett advised the Board that there was nothing pertaining to physical therapy in the October 7, 2002 New Jersey Register that was not already listed on the agenda.

B. FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY-2002 FALL ANNUAL MEETING AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY-CHICAGO, ILLINOIS-MEETING NEWS

Board member Leslie Marcks provided the Board with an overview of the annual fall meeting and delegate assembly of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

APPEARANCES:

T.O.E.F.L. WAIVERS:

1. Ms. Sheeren Tan

Sheeren Tan appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms. Tan is applying for license by examination in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Tan took the TOEFL examination in 2001 and received a score of 277 (with the passing score being 213) Ms. Tan has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Lee Ann Guenther, the Board voted to grant Ms. Tan a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that her professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language, she received a passing score on the TOEFL examination (TOEFL does not report scores after two years) and she demonstrated a proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Ms. Myra M. Garrido

Myra Garrido appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms. Garrido is applying for licensure by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Garrido took the TOEFL examination in 1993 and received a score of 223 (with the passing score being 213) Ms. Garrido has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Lee Ann Guenther, the Board voted to grant Ms. Garrido a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that her professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language, she received a passing score on the TOEFL examination (TOEFL does not report scores after two years) and she demonstrated a proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Mr. Ivan Supan

Ivan Supan appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Mr. Supan is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the United States and the Philippines. He received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Lee Ann Guenther, the Board voted to grant Mr. Supan a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated a proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Mr. Christopher Llanos

Christopher Llanos appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Mr. Llanos is applying for licensure by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the Philippines and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Lee Ann Guenther, the Board voted to grant Mr. Llanos a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated a proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Mr. Ryan A. Ramirez

Ryan Ramirez appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Mr. Ramirez is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the United States and the Philippines. He received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Lee Ann Guenther, the Board voted to grant Mr. Ramirez a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated a proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Alexander M. Estacio

Alexander Estacio did not appear for the TOEFL waiver.

VI. INFORMATIONAL:

A. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION-AUGUST 14, 2002

The Board considered this matter informational.

B. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD MINUTES-AUGUST 14, 2002

The Board considered this matter informational.

C. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION-OCTOBER 9, 2002

The Board considered this matter informational.

D. CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAURA L. ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL RE: MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The Board considered this matter informational.

E. CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAURA L. ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS-NOTICE OF MEETING

The Board considered this matter informational.

F. NJ BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS-PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA-SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

The Board considered this matter informational.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SUSAN BEDIL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

The Board considered correspondence from Ms. Bedil, Executive Director of the International Education Research Foundation (IERF), regarding the Board's termination of their services as a credentialing agency to

determine the educational eligibility of foreign-trained applicants for New Jersey. Ms. Bedil wrote to the Board to ask for reconsideration of the Board's decision. The Board will write to Ms. Bedil asking that IERF provide a sample of a credential evaluation performed in order that the Board may evaluate the quality of their evaluations since the Board made their determination. The Board will also ask IERF to evaluate a foreign applicants to be supplied by the Board in order that the Board may also evaluate them. The Board will hold discussion on this matter pending further communication from Ms. Bedil.

B. CORRESPONDENCE FROM JOHN PAUL DIZZIA, ESQ RE: PHYSICAL THERAPY BUSINESS PRACTICES

The Board considered an inquiry from Mr. Dizzia, an attorney, who wrote to the Board regarding guidelines concerning physical therapy business practices. The Board will inform Mr. Dizzia that currently there are no regulations on business practices, however; the physical therapist is responsible for billing services rendered, the scheduling of patients and all physical therapy services rendered when there is a business agreement with a non-licensed person.

C. INQUIRY FROM RICHARD L. READ, PT, ECS RE: AUTHORIZED PRACTICE BY A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST

The Board considered an inquiry from Mr. Read, a physical therapist, who wrote to the Board to inquire whether it is permissible for physical therapist to perform EMG's. The Board will advise Mr. Read that invasive EMG's cannot be performed by physical therapist licensed in New Jersey, regardless of whether or not they possess a physician prescription to do so or are under the supervision of a physician. Physical Therapy may only perform non-invasive EMG's under their scope of practice.

D. INQUIRY FROM KRISTIN WALLIS, PT RE:

The Board considered an inquiry from Kristin Wallis, a physical therapist employed within the school system, who wrote to the Board to inquire as to whether it is permissible for a physical therapist to make adjustments to wheelchairs in the school system and whether physical therapist are covered when a prescription for therapy states "as per IEP". The Board will advise Ms. Wallis that making adjustments to wheelchairs is within her scope of practice and that physical therapist are covered by IEP's.

E. INQUIRY FROM LAUREN M. ZINGARA RE: GROUP PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Board considered an inquiry submitted by Lauren Zingara, a physical therapist employed within the school system. Ms. Zingara wrote to the Board to inquire as to whether it is permissible for her to provide gross motor group therapy to students without possessing a teacher's certificate and without all of the student's possessing a physician referral. The Board will advise Ms. Zingara that teacher@s certificate are not within the Board's jurisdiction and therefore the Board can offer no guidance on that aspect of her question; however, a physical therapist may provide physical therapy instruction to a group without a physician referral for each student as only those students who have physical therapy in their IEP need to possess a referral.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. John Cambria-PT-Exam Only
2. Mr. Dandee R. Lacuesta-PT-Endorsement/NY
3. Bernard O. Joseph-PT-Exam Only
4. Josafeena L. Dequina-PT-Exam Only
5. Clarissa D. Dario-PT-Exam Only

6. Benjamin T. Aquila-PT-Endorsement/CA
7. Myra C. Garrido-PT-Exam Only
8. Mary A. Akiat-PT-Exam Only
9. Allen R. Tupue-PT-Exam Only
10. Shereen Y. Tan-PT-Endorsement/IN
11. Ivan Supan-PT-Exam Only
12. Sofia C. Solomon-PT-Exam Only
13. Monika Shiffner-PT-Exam Only
14. Neil M. Santos-PT-Exam Only
15. Maritess P. Sagrado-PT-Endorsement/NY
16. Ryan A. Ramirez-PT-Exam Only
17. Napoleon A. Lumpat-PT-Endorsement/PA/IN
18. Pinky K. Parekh-PT-Exam Only
19. Georgina R. Lerma-PLT-Exam Only
20. Carla S. Matulac-PT-Exam Only
21. Christopher V. Llanos-PT-Endorsement/IN
22. Marie A. Ferrer-PT-Endorsement/IN

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Alexander M. Estacio-PT-Endorsement/NY-Applicant failed to appear for TOEFL Waiver
2. Maria C. Ignacio-PT-Endorsement/IN/NY-Requires verification of IN licensure
3. Jane C. Paraoan-Failed Law Examination
4. Raquel S. Balance-PT-Endorsement/IN-Requires verification of IL licensure
5. Goethe B. Bharathan-PT-Exam/TL-Requires additional educational credits
6. Sunil Mathew-PT-Exam Only-Requires TOEFL examination

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Dennise Krencicki, the Board voted to adjourn Public Session and to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations or violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

1. Three complaints or matters filed with the Board which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigation and/or actions.

2. Three matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director
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